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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 9379

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MOVEMENT OF MEO FROM LAOS TO THAILAND

1. CONSULATE UDORN REPORTS THAT 700 OR 800 MEO HAVE ENTERED THAILAND FROM LAOS AND GATHERED IN NONG KHAI IN THE LAST FEW DAYS. THE INFLUX IS CONTINUING, AND CONSULATE UDORN BELIEVES THAT THE MEO WILL SOON TRY TO MOVE TO THE THAI MILITARY BASE AT NAM PHONG TO JOIN AS MANY AS 6000 MEO WHO ARE ALREADY THERE

2. THE "BANGKOK WORLD" OF MAY 22 REPORTS THAT 4500 HILLTRIBE REFUGEES FROM LAOS, INCLUDING REMNANTS OF GENERAL VANG PAO'S ARMY, ARE STAYING IN THAILAND AT UDORN AND NAM PHONG AIR BASES. A "BANGKOK WORLD" REPORTER SLIPPED INTO THE BASE AT NAM PHONG AND SPOKE WITH THE REFUGEES. HE QUESTIONS THE RTG ROLE IN PROVIDING REFUGE TO THE RMNANTS OF VANG PAO'S FORCES, BECAUSE IT MIGHT AFFECT RELATIONS WITH THE PGNU.

3. COMMENT: THE ROYAL THAI ARMY HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THESE REFUGEES, AND WE PROPOSE TO LET THE THAI HANDLE THE PUBLIC RELATIONS ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM.

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